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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

MICHAEL MURRAY, PTA

TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") following the Board's review of information filed by the Director of Rehab Services at Mountainside Hospital pursuant to the reporting requirement of N.J.S.A. 45:1-37. The notice alleged that respondent, Michael Murray, PTA, was terminated from his employment at Mountainside Hospital in February 2012 because of his failure to treat patients and falsification of documents.

The Board found that respondent engaged in a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(B) and that establishes a basis for disciplinary action.

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to

formal proceedings; and does not contest the findings of the Board; and the Board having satisfied that the within resolution adequately protects the public health, safety and welfare, and for good cause shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 23rd DAY OF July, 2013
ORDERED THAT:

1. The respondent, Michael Murray, is hereby, formally reprimanded for preparing documentation for care not provided contrary to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).
2. Respondent's license to engage in practice as a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant shall be suspended for one year to be stayed in full and served as a period of probation as long as the conditions in this order are fully satisfied.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the aggregate amount of \$1000.00 for engaging in the use or employment of dishonesty, contrary to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment for the civil penalty shall be submitted contemporaneously ^{with} the signing of this Order, by certified check or money order, made payable to the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and shall be forwarded to Lisa Tadeo, Executive Director, Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Post Office Box 45014, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

In the alternative, the respondent may pay the civil penalty, totaling \$1000.00, in equal monthly installments of \$100.00 for a total of 10 months. The first payment shall be paid simultaneously with the submission of this Order with subsequent payments due on the fifteenth of each month thereafter until the total amount is paid in full.

Installment payment shall be sent to the attention of Lisa Tadeo, Executive Director at the address listed herein.

Any failure to make any installment payment within ten (10) days of the due date shall cause the entire remaining balance to become immediately due and payable without further notice.

4. Respondent is hereby assessed costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$227.00. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board contemporaneously with the signing of this Order.

5. Respondent shall submit proof of having taken and successfully completed the PROBE Ethics course or a substantially equivalent course within six (6) months of the filing of this Order.

6. Beginning on the date of service of this order and continuing for a minimum of one year, Respondent's Physical Therapist Supervisor shall provide quarterly reports to the Board regarding respondent's progress concerning time management and record keeping. The first report shall be due 30 days from the date of service of this order.

7. Respondent shall participate in psychotherapy sessions for a minimum of one year from the filing date of this order with a licensed mental health provider. The mental health provider shall be pre-approved by the Board and Respondent shall ensure that the therapist provides quarterly reports to the Board pertaining to respondent's progress in therapy concerning his management of stress in the work place environment.

8. Respondent's employer and any successor shall sign a copy of the Consent

Order acknowledging review of the provisions of this order. All employers shall agree to provide information to the Board in writing regarding any act by Respondent which involves misconduct which may subject the respondent to disciplinary action as required by N.J.S.A. 45:1-33.

9. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Consent Order or to remit any and all payments required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt and may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings for failure to comply with an Order of Board, or any other proceedings as permitted by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

By: Karen E. Wilk, P.T. DPT 40QA00560100
Karen E. Wilk, P.T. DPT
President

I have read and understand the
within Consent Order and agree
to be bound by its terms. Consent
is hereby given to the Board to
enter this Order.

Michael Murray PTA, 40QA00150600
Michael Murray, PTA

6/22/13
DATED:

Consent as to form and entry.

Robert J. Conroy, Esquire
Robert J. Conroy, Esquire
Attorney for Michael Murray, PTA

7/9/2013
DATED:

I have read this order and agree to
comply with the terms regarding
Supervision and reporting as indicated

above.

Physical Therapy Supervisor

DATED:

Print Name, Title and address